

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on Page 1, lines 3-6, to read as follows:

β^1 --This application is a continuation-in-part of U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/629,644, filed July 31, 2000, which is a continuation in part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/487,368, filed January 18, 2000 and issued as U. S. Patent No. 6,261,840 on July 18, 2001. --